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TO : Security Officer/CIA
THRU : Deputy Security Officer
FROM : Chief, Security Research Staff

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SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE

1. Current planning for further Artichoke operations contemplates the placement of field teams in the two major overseas areas; th[redacted] and [redacted] It is anticipated that th[redacted] team will be located in [redacted] and the [redacted] team i[redacted] From these locations they can readily be moved to any point in either area as needed. It is proposed that these teams will be placed in the respective overseas areas on temporary duty for periods ranging from 4-6 months at a time. Temporary duty is being utilized in order to eliminate any problems that might arise in connection with T.O. slots. It will also enable the teams to receive refresher training and be brought up to date on new Artichoke developments during their periods of duty in the United States.

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2. The composition of the teams will each be as follows:

1. [redacted] - GS-13
(From Technical Research Branch-team leader, skilled in hypnotism, language facility appropriate to the area)

H-B13

1. [redacted]
(From Medical Staff, CIA, for medical support and particularly administration of drugs as required. Some psychiatric knowledge desirable, language not essential but desirable)

1. [redacted] - GS-9
(From Technical Research Branch; to render all technical support such as installing microphones, wiring, 1-way mirrors, operate recording machines, etc. Language desirable, not essential. Should have all-around skill in carpentry, painting, electric work)

3. The present table of organization of the Technical Research Branch is as follows:

[redacted]

* Positions presently occupied
** One of these individuals is GS-7, however, a GS-9 was committed to him during recruitment.

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4. From the above it can be seen that the recruitment of three individuals is essential for the establishment of the proposed field teams. The present personnel of Technical Research Branch are sufficient, with the addition of a medical officer, to furnish a team, on an interim basis until the Artichoke program is fully implemented. Thereafter they will provide the necessary headquarters support, research and training functions, and will be prepared to function in an emergency basis as replacement in toto or piece meal for either overseas team.

5. A target date of 1 July 1953 is being set for departure of the two teams and in the ensuing seven months the necessary recruiting must be effected followed by the training, briefing and equipping of the teams.

6. It is contemplated that during the preparatory period briefing sessions will be arranged with responsible officials of the various area divisions, in order to familiarize them with Artichoke capabilities. It is also anticipated that arrangements will be made with the area divisions to ensure a flow of cases for processing by each of the teams.

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